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The references JP4-245287 and SeongHan Shin, Kazukuni KOBARA, Hideki IMAI, "A New Password-based Authentication Protocol", Computer Security Symposium 2003 (CSS2003), Information Processing Society of Japan, Vol.2003, No.15, 29 October, 2003, Pages 7-12, cited in the Office Action, were previously cited on a form PTO-1449 and filed with the subject patent application on April 25, 2006.

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Kazukuni KOBARA and Hideki IMAI, "Pretty-Simple Password-Authenticated Key-Exchange Protocol Proven to be Secure in the Standard Model", IEICE Transactions on Fundamentals of Electronics, Communication and Computer Sciences, Vol E85-A, No.10, 01 October 2002, pages 2229-2237 (**not 22237**).

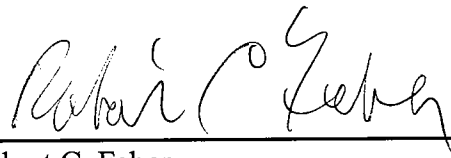
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